

ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING IMPROVED  
FECAL STORAGE STRUCTURE

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**ABSTRACT**

An absorbent article comprising a liquid pervious topsheet, a liquid pervious backsheet joined to at least a portion of the topsheet, an absorbent core disposed between at least a portion of the topsheet and the backsheet, and a waste management element disposed in at least a portion of the crotch region. The waste management element preferably includes an acceptance element  
10 having an effective open area of at least about 30 percent and a storage element having a compressive resistance of at least about 70 percent.